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WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?INT:

We NEED to study the question: What is The Church of Christ? for 3 basic reasons:

1. Interested FRIENDS who want to know more about the church of our Lord!!!
2. Our CHILDREN & YOUTH who are old enough to understand the appreciate God's great gift to us in the church!!
3. MEMBERS who are confused by the religious levelling and distortions in today's liberal, "everything goes" society!!!

CONCLUSION: It is a MUST that all men and women, who want to live forever with God KNOW what the church of Christ IS!!

I. WHAT DID GOD CALL HIS CHURCH?

- 1.* Isa. 2:1-4. 760 BC. Lord's House! Learn...
2. Last days are NOW:* Heb. 1:1-4. Teacher...
- 3.* Dan. 2:44. 603 BC. Kingdom! Eternal.....
- 4.* Matt. 16:18-19. Eternal church-kingdom...
- 5.* I Cor. 15:24-26. Kingdom is the SAVED who are going to Heaven. Note: Those OUT of the kingdom are the LOST and are going to Hell. *II Thess. 1:7-10.

II. WHAT DID JESUS CALL HIS CHURCH?

1. A Kingdom. Matt. 16:18-19.
Question: How many kings? Kingdoms? **ONE!**
2. A Sheep-fold. John 10:11, 14-16.
Question: How many Shepherds? Folds? **ONE!**
3. A Body. *Eph. 1:22-23. * Col. 1:18-23!
Question: How many Heads? Bodies?

OTHER N. T. DESIGNATIONS: Bride, Family, Household, Chosen Generation, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, Peculiar People, Spiritual House and Assembly of Obedient Believers (EKKLESIA).

INV: Question: Does one HAVE TO be a member of the church in order to be saved????

1. Question is: Does church membership constitute a PREREQUISITE to being saved and going to Heaven? It is NOT a STEP in one's PRIMARY obedience!!!!

2. The STEPS in primary obedience to the gospel ARE: Faith, Acts 2:36-37. Repentance, Acts 2:38. Confession, 2:37. Baptism, 2:38.
3. Note what HAPPENS when these steps are taken: ④ Acts 2:41-44, 47.
Those BEING saved were added to the Body or church of Christ!
4. CONCLUSION: Church membership does not SAVE you, but rather is a RESULT of being saved.

RESUME: What is the church of Christ?

Answer: It is sinners who have heard the Good News of the saving power of Christ's atoning blood.

The church is the family of believers who have obeyed every wish of God regarding their conversion to Christ, His Son.

The church then, is all of God's children around the world who are struggling to make Heaven their home some day.

CLOSE: You have some choices to consider today:

Obey the gospel of Christ.	Not obey.....
Become a Christian.	Not become.....
Be saved from past sins.	Not be saved....
Be a child of God.	Not be a child..
Be a member of the church.	Not be a member.

All hope and spiritual blessings are promised to those who OBEY, BECOME CHRISTIANS & MEMBERS of the Lord's church.

Name me one real ADVANTAGE to NOT be a member of the church of Jesus Christ???????

Please consider this burning question as we sing His invitation song to you today!!!!

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